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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Government have not issued any orders banning the employment of failed secondary grade teachers, as teachers in elementary schools. As such persons are not qualified to be appointed as teachers, where they are to be appointed, individual exemption for each such appointment has to be obtained. Such exemption is being granted when trained teachers are not available."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that many district board schools prefer raw passed S.S.L.C.s to those failed secondary grade teachers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They are on a par. The fact that a candidate is either a raw S.S.L.C. or a failed secondary grade trained teacher, I do not think, makes any difference. Both of them are unqualified and we cannot say that a failed secondary grade teacher should be given preference."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether the Government will kindly issue instructions especially to local board schools to prefer secondary grade failed teachers to raw passed S.S.L.C.s inasmuch as they have had two years of training in teaching? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" After two years of training they have been found wanting and I do not think they should be given any preference at all."

Kit allowance for Physical Training Instructors in high schools.

* 112 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any kit allowance is now in force in respect of Physical Training Instructors in high schools; and

(*b*) if not, when and why this was abolished?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The payment of kit allowance was never in force in respect of Physical Training Instructors in high schools."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether there was a demand for the payment of kit allowance and whether the demand was under the deep and active consideration of the Government some time ago? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. There have been many demands not only for this kit allowance but for many more allowances."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the fact that these teachers have to work in the hot sun when they are having P.T. classes and in view of the fact that special dress regulation is

insisted on by the department, will the Government kindly consider the grant of a special kit allowance at least to these Physical Training Instructors? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Taking all these things into consideration, the pay of these instructors has been fixed."

Revision of the scale of Secondary grade trained teachers.

* 113 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to revise the scale of pay of Secondary grade trained teachers so as to avoid the descending scale of increment; and

(b) if so, when it will be put into force?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The question does not arise."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that only in the case of these secondary grade teachers there is a descending scale of increment and it is not found in any other case, even in the case of peons in the department? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am prepared to lower the increment in the beginning so that it may be on a par with the increment which we give later on."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" It will be much better, Sir, and even if the increments are lowered in the initial stages we will be prepared to take it."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The secondary grade trained teacher during the first few years gets an increment of Rs. 3 and afterwards Rs. 2. If the hon. Member would agree, I am prepared to make it a uniform increment of Rs. 2 throughout."

S.S.L.C. qualified Physical Training Instructors appearing for the T.S.L.C. Examination.

* 114 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether Physical Training Instructors passing S.S.L.C. Examination are allowed to sit privately for the T.S.L.C. Examination; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The training imparted to the Physical Training Instructors is mainly in Physical Education and that too only for a